

The Historie of

Falstalffe, kinde Iacke Falstalffe, true Iacke Falstalffe, valiant Iacke Falstalffe, and therefore more valiant, being as hee, is olde Iacke Falstalffe, banish not him thy Harries company, banish not him thy Harries company; banish plumpe Iacke, and banish all the world.

Prince I, do, I will.

Enter Bardoll running.

Bar. O, my Lord, my Lord, the Sherife, with a most monstrous watch, is at the doore.

Fal. Out you rogue, play out the play: I haue much to say in the behalfe of that Falstalffe.

Enter the Hestesse.

Hos. O Iesu, my Lord, my Lord!

Prince Heigh, heigh, the diuell rides vpon a fiddle sticke, what's the matter?

Ho. The Sherife and all the watch are at the doore, they are come to search the house, shall I let them in?

Fal. Doeſt thou heare, Hal? neuer call a true piece of gold a counterfet, thou art essentially made, without seeming so.

Prince And thou, a naturall coward without instinct.

Fal. I deny your Maior, if you will deny the Sherife, so, if not, let him enter. If I become not a Cart as well as another man, a plague on my bringing vp: I hope I shall as soone bee strangled with a halter as another.

Prin. Goe, hide thee behinde the Arras, the rest walke vp a-boue: now my masters, for a true face and good conscience.

Fal. Both which I haue had, but their date is out, and therefore ile hide me.

Prin. Call in the Sherife.

Enter Sherife and the Carrier.

Prin. Now master Sherife, what is your will with me?

Sher. First, pardon me, my Lord. A hue and cry hath followed certaine men vnto this house.

Prin. What men?

Sher. One of them is well knowne, my gracious Lorde, a grosse fat man.

Car. As fat, as butter.

Prin. The man, I doe assure you, is not here, For I my selfe at this time haue imployd him:

Henry the fourth.

And Sherife, I will ingage my word to thee, That I will by to morrow dinner time, Send him to answere thee or any man, For any thing he shall be charg'd withall, And so let me intreat you leaue the house.

Sher. I will, my Lord: there are two Gentlemen Haue, in this robbery, lost 300. markes.

Prin. It may be so: if he haue rob'd these men, He shall be answerable: and so farewell.

Sher. Good night, my noble Lord.

Prin. I thinke it is god morrow, is it not?

Sher. Indeed, my Lord, I thinke it be two a clocke. Exit.

Prince This oylie rascall is knowne as well as Poules: goe call him forth.

Peto Falstalffe? fast asleepe behinde the Arras, and snorting like a horse.

Prince Harke, how hard he fetches breath, search his pockets.

He searcheth his pocket, and findeth certaine papers.

Prince VVhat hast thou found?

Peto Nothing but papers, my lord.

Prince Lets see what they be: reade them.

Item, a capon 2.s.ii.d.

Item, sawce iii.d.

Item, sacke, two gallons v.s.viii.d.

Item, anchaues and sacke after supper 2.s.vi.d.

Item, bread ob.

O monstrous! but one halfe peniworth of bread to this intolerable deale of sacke? what there is else, keepe close, weele reade it at more aduantage: there let him sleepe till day; ile to the court in the morning. We must all to the warres, and thy place shalbe honorable. Ile procure this fat rogue a charge of foote, and I know his death will be a march of twelue score; the money shalbe payd backe againe with aduantage; be with me betimes in the morning, and so good morrow Peto.

Peto. Good morrow, good my Lord.

Exeunt.

Enter Hotspur, Worcester, Lord Mortimer,

Owen Glendower.

Mor. These promises are faire, the parties sure.

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